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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. FOR IMPATIENT, DISILLUSIONED LDC'S, THE NON-ALIGNED COALITION REPRESENTING VAST MAJORITY OF WORLD'S POPULATION HAS STIMULATING AND POWERFUL APPEAL. THERE COMFORT IN NUMBERS AND, THOUGH RESULTS SO FAR LEARGELY DEMONSTRATIVE, A SENSE OF STRENGTH WHICH MUST SOMEHOW EVENTUALLY PREVAIL. THIS NEW-FOUND WORLDWIDE UNITY CLEARLY HOLDS MORE PROMISE IN LDC'S' VIEW THAN THEIR EXPERIENCE AND PRESENT PERCEPTION OF FUTURE LEADS THEM TO SEE IN MORE INDEPENDENT AND RESPONSIBLE STANCE. THEY MAY NOT HAVE YET GAINED MUCH THAT IS MATERIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT AT LEAST NOW THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD. IT EVIDENT DIVERGENCIES AND STRAINS, SUCH AS AFRICAN RESENTMENT TOWARD ARABS, DO NOT FRUSTRATE COMMON ACTION, AS EFFECTIVELY SHOWN AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXPECT NON-ALIGNED COALITION AND ASSOCIATED US ISOLATION TO PERSIST UNTIL THERE PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION ANOTHER COURSE OFFERS EQUAL OR GREATER ADVANTAGES.

2. IN ATTACKING PROBLEM, PERSUASION AND DIALOGUE WILL HELP, ESPECIALLY WITH MODERATES LIKE ZAMBIA WHICH ARE WILLING AT LEAST TO LISTEN, BUT LITTLE RESULT CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL THERE ACTION WHICH ACTUALLY LESSENS APPEAL OF ATTACHMENT

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TO NON-ALIGNED GROUP. MOST EFFECTIVE STEP WE CAN TAKE IN THIS

REGION IS READJUSTMENT OF OUR RESERVED POSTURE TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUE WHICH FIGURES LARGE IN CONCERNS OF BLACK AFRICA AND MOST ESPECIALLY ZAMBIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS. MORE POSITIVE AND ACTIVE EXPRESSIONS OF OUR LONG PROFESSED OBJECTIVE OF MAJORITY RULE AND HUMAN JUSTICE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL MOVE TOWARD ELIMINATION OF ONE OF THE CENTRAL CONSIDERATIONS INDUCING CLOSE AFRICAN ASSOCIATION WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. IF WE ACT EFFECTIVELY IN A MANNER MEANINGFUL TO AFRICANS, BELIEVE CONFIDENCE WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY RESTORED AND CREATE RECEPTIVITY TO OUR APPROACHES ON PRACTICAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. BY ADJUSTING OUR POSTURE WE MAY RISK STIMULATING NEW AFRICAN EXPECTATIONS, BUT, SHOULD WE JUST SIT TIGHT AND FAIL TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION AND SOON, WE WILL BE IGNORING THE NEW SOUTHERN AFRICA REALITIES CREATED BY THE PORTUGUESE COUP. IN SUCH EVENT, EVEN FIRMER AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO THE NON-ALIGNED COALITION SHOULD BE EXPECTED.
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